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## Marginal Column

By ZE'EV LAQUEUR

**GROTEWOHL** has admitted some grave mistakes, and this means that someone will have to pay for them; perhaps some of the "bourgeois" stooges of the regime will again be given some pivotal posts in the East German Government to give it more credibility at home and abroad. At the same time, there is reason to expect that a number of the more blatant economic and social grievances of the workers will be given careful and sympathetic consideration. A similar development appears to have taken place in the People's Democracies, as well as in the Soviet Union itself.

**THE "voluntary" State Loan** launched this year in Russia is considerably smaller than the one floated during Stalin's last years of life. There appears to have been some collection of taxation of agriculture both in East Germany and in the "Peoples' Democracies." And some of the grosser types of tyranny seem to have been discontinued. The abolition of certain travel restrictions, the freedom of diplomats in Russia to visit the Caucasus. Now, with the fact, a few Churchmen in East Germany are allowed to collect signatures for the peace appeal change world history. At the same time, however, efforts are redoubled to prevent a recurrence of revolutionary movements elsewhere in East Germany or elsewhere in the East. This means that the Political Police again take first place among the props of the regime, and as long as this is so, no essential basic change in the character of the regime can be expected. The line of political evolution is once fixed, and the transition to some "higher," more democratic, less totalitarian stage of development is effectively barred.

**THE man in charge of bringing** to trial those responsible for the massacre of demonstrators of mid-June is Dr. Ernst Melchheimer, Prosecutor General of Eastern Germany. He is the son of the director of the famous Stumm concern (heavy industry) in the Saar area, and joined the Social Democrats after the First World War, while serving as a high officer in the Ministry of Justice of the Weimar Republic. Like so many others of his colleagues, he became a Nazi in 1933, and published a number of articles as early as April 1933 in which he complained that there were too many Jewish lawyers in Berlin. Then, he escaped to the Third Reich was assured, and in 1944 he became a candidate for the highest judicial office in the land, the Reichsgerichtsrat. After Melchheimer was entered Berlin, he was one of the first to join the progressive camp struggling for democracy and friendship between the two nations.

## Egypt Drops Complaint On Seizure of Samir

**WHILE** the Melchimers are a fairly typical phenomenon in Eastern Germany, this cannot be said of his deputy, who belongs to a rarer species. Hilde Benjamin (not a Jewess — her husband, Dr. Benjamin, a physician) was a member of the anti-Nazi camp in 1942 is an old-time member of the German Communist Party, and a former judge at the Wedding (Berlin) Court in the Weimar Republic. She was not molested when the Nazis came to power, but was forbidden to practice her profession. Mrs. Benjamin has now joined the Socialists, and there is no evidence that she ever actively and prominently collaborated with the Nazis. She is a fanatic Stalinist, according to all appearances, and there is no reason to doubt her personal integrity. Mr. Eberhard, a young lawyer, was her anti-Nazi past is concerned, among a host of high officials with much more blemished political careers.

**DENAZIFICATION** in the West was frequently inefficient, sometimes becoming an outright farce. But in the East the basic conception of denazification was different: it was to weed out all those Nazis who could be of no use to the new regime, and to integrate the rest. The account in the East, Otto Grotewohl, the Burgomaster of West Berlin, Prof. Reuter, was a political emigrant for twelve years, while Fritz Ebert, Burgomaster of East Berlin, who became a Nazi fellow-traveller after 1933, did not leave the Reich, and became a city. He was found guilty of being a Nazi in the famous Barstall affair back in the time of the Weimar Republic). These facts, which unfortunately could be multiplied, make it extremely difficult to believe the official explanations which have been put out by such men as Dr. Eberhard, Dr. Horst and Pankow, as to Nazi influence which had allegedly been instrumental in bringing about the recent strikes and demonstrations. If such influences indeed had been at work, why should the Grotewohls, Eberts and Melchimers have opposed such action?

Jerusalem, June 24.

## BULGAR SPY JAILED IN YUGOSLAVIA

**LONDON**, Saturday (Reuters). — A Bulgarian spy, Stojanov, was sentenced to 15 years in prison by a Belgrade Court yesterday for spying for the Bulgarian Intelligence Service, the Yugoslav official news agency Tanjug announced today.

## West Calls on USSR For Free German Elections

**BERLIN**, Saturday (UP). — The Allied High Commissioners called on Soviet Russia today to permit free German elections and a peace treaty with the government of a united free Germany.

At the same time, they renewed pressure on the Russians to lift economic controls in the sector, restore normal communications between the two halves of the divided city and eliminate arbitrarily imposed barriers between Western Germany and the Soviet Zone.

The appeal to the Russians was contained in a statement issued by the U.S., British and French High Commissioners after a two-and-a-half hour joint session here.

The Soviet Commander in East Berlin last night announced that the curfew is to be reduced to four hours daily as from to day, instead of the earlier six hours.

### Measures Announced

The East German Government, meanwhile, today announced implementation of the following measures to wipe out discontent and thus eventually bring about the end of martial law:

- Thousands of persons imprisoned for economic crimes are being released. In the Halle area 675 have left prison.

- "Great Farmers" who were imprisoned for failure to meet delivery quotas are also being freed. The Government announced no figures on this.

- Private enterprises nationalized by the Government are being returned to their former owners. In the Rostock area alone 34 concerns have been de-nationalized and "a number of others will be returned soon," the East German news agency ADN said.

- Credits, the lack of which drove thousands of private firms to the wall, are being extended now to entrepreneurs. ADN said that the total amount granted so far this month to 40 per cent above the May figure.

- Courts have been ordered to drop cases pending against businessmen and farmers charged with non-payment of taxes. ADN said that in Magdeburg alone 2,000 cases were quashed today and more will follow.

- Ell Schmidt, Chairman of the State Commission for Trade and Supply, announced that oil reserves will be used to make oleo-margarine so that it will be available for sale "in the near future." Oil disappeared from the shops months ago.

- Some of the measures implemented today were ordered before the June 17 uprising. The speed with which the measures were put into effect indicated the unashamedness of the regime.

## Finnish Coalition Breaks Up on Wages

**HELSINKI**, Saturday (Reuter). — Dr. Urho Kekkonen, Finnish Prime Minister since March 1950, resigned today as head of the coalition government and said that his Social Democratic colleagues should try to govern on their own.

Differences on economic policy have troubled the alliance between the Social Democrats and Kekkonen's Agrarians since the Saar area, and joined the Social Democrats after the First World War, while serving as a high officer in the Ministry of Justice of the Weimar Republic. Like so many others of his colleagues, he became a Nazi in 1933, and published a number of articles as early as April 1933 in which he complained that there were too many Jewish lawyers in Berlin. Then, he escaped to the Third Reich was assured, and in 1944 he became a candidate for the highest judicial office in the land, the Reichsgerichtsrat. After Melchheimer was entered Berlin, he was one of the first to join the progressive camp struggling for democracy and friendship between the two nations.

**Egypt Drops Complaint On Seizure of Samir**

**NEW YORK**, Saturday (Reuter). — Egypt has notified the Security Council that she was withdrawing a complaint against South Korea in the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

The Sociai Democrats are the largest party in Parliament with 53 out of 200 seats. The Agrarians have 31, the Communists and their allies, 42.

### Lebanese Crisis Over Fair Elections

A cabinet crisis is brewing in Lebanon as a result of Friday's resignation of Minister of Health and of Posts, Rashid Bechara.

There has been a squabble for some weeks over an opposition demand that Ministers wishing to contest the July 19 elections resign immediately so as to ensure Government neutrality. Premier Sab Salam and Premier Camille Chamoun have accepted the demand. Bechara, who wants to be a candidate, is still possible.

In Beirut on Friday, Socialist leader Kamal Jumblat told a press conference, according to ANA, that French, British and American interests, apart from other Arab States, were interfering in the preparatory stages of the election.

He claimed that there was an "imperialist" plan to detach southern Lebanon and to join it with Galilee to form a new Arab State which would solve the Palestine refugee problem.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Georges Hakim announced last night that the Arab States would again demand the internationalization of Jerusalem at the next U.N. General Assembly session, according to NEADS.

## Private Hospital Gutted in Haifa; Trained Nurse Resists Rescuers

**JERUSALEM** POST Reporter

**HAIFA**, Saturday. — The eight-room upper story of a house in Rehavia Ben Yehuda, which had served as a private hospital, was destroyed by fire yesterday. There were no patients in the hospital at the time.

The lower floor of the building, which was damaged, is used as a chapel for Scandinavian seamen. Police suspect arson.

When the Fire Brigade arrived on the scene at 11:10 a.m. they found the second floor ablaze. The firemen brought up a ladder and forced their way into the burning house.

They attempted to rescue Mrs. W. Gates, who had been the building's sole inhabitant. She had suffered a personal tragedy three months ago when her husband had committed suicide.

## Wary Optimism Voiced in U.S.-S. Korean Talks

**SEOUL**, Saturday (UP). — An American diplomatic and military team wooing President Syngman Rhee for acceptance of a Korean armistice stood by today amid indications that some progress has been made towards overcoming one of the two major hurdles blocking a truce.

Earlier Rhee conferred and later dined with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Walter Rosenthal and USAF commander Gen. Mark Clark.

Both the American and Korean sides made guarded statements of optimism. Mr. Robertson and Gen. Clark apparently were standing by for a special meeting tomorrow. But optimism was tempered by the sobering realization that Communists acceptance of the armistice document was another, but assured, the Rhee-aided escape of 27,000 North Korean war prisoners being the cause.

**Key to Compromise**

According to reliable information available here from both American and Korean sources, some progress has been made and the "key" to any compromise between Rhee and the U.S. will be important American guarantees to protect Republic of Korea's sovereignty.

A member of the Robertson delegation said that the party would be leaving Korea "soon" because if things keep going the way they are, it shouldn't be very difficult to persuade our people to suffer continued casualties and losses if this is the consequence of actions on your part taken in disregard of all other nations which have stood by you until now."

The letter was delivered in Seoul on June 23.

## Moscow Says Rhee Imperils Truce

**LONDON**, Saturday (UP). — Radio Moscow said today that President Syngman Rhee "menaces the armistice" worked out at Panmunjom.

The broadcast heard here commented on the release of North Korean prisoners by saying: "The desire to break up the peace is responsible for the propagation of the Syngman Rhee clique. The point is that the liberated prisoners were instantly mobilized into their Army."

"The Syngman Rhee group not only wrecks the (prisoner) repatriation agreement already signed, but menaces the armistice itself," the radio added.

## Australians Warn Rhee: May Pull Out

**UNITED NATIONS**, Saturday (UP). — Australia has warned South Korean President Syngman Rhee that she may withdraw her fighting units from the Korean war if he continues his present policy of obstructing a truce, it was revealed here today.

In a letter made public by the Australian UN Delegation, External Affairs Minister R. G. Casey told Rhee that Australians were "greatly shocked" at your recent releasing prisoners held by the U.N. Command.

"You must appreciate that it would be very difficult indeed to persuade our people to suffer continued casualties and losses if this is the consequence of actions on your part taken in disregard of all other nations which have stood by you until now."

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## FIGHT IT OUT

**BOLSOVER**, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Alanus Dunnin, Minister of Defense in the UK Cabinet, suggested to-day that the U.N. should leave the Koreans to fight out their differences among themselves.

"If President Syngman Rhee believes he can fight it out with the North Koreans, why not let him?" he told a meeting here today. Was there any reason why the lives of the U.N. men should be thrown away to satisfy the personal interests of this man?

Mr. Dunnin added that the U.N. had responded with courage to the act of aggression. "It has done everything possible to promote a truce and to bring the affair to an end. In doing so, it has justified its existence. Why not leave the Koreans to fight the matter out themselves?" he queried.

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## \$34,000m. Voted For American Defence

**WASHINGTON**, Saturday (UP). — The House Appropriations Committee today approved legislation providing \$34,424,440,500 for the military services to spend on contract for the 1954 fiscal year starting July 1.

The measure, which was about \$2,000, below former President Truman's original request, and \$1,600, below the amount proposed by Senator Taft, said that he did not think the time has arrived yet for a conference with the Soviets. "That must come after there has been progress in ironing out the differences in Austria and elsewhere," he stated.

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## U.S. Guarantees Main Issue

The main question being discussed is the American guarantee to help South Korea in the event of renewed invasions in any form. The South Korean Government is believed asking for more assurances of a security pact with the U.S. than President Eisenhower put in his letter to Rhee.

Prague sources said that they "believe" Rhee had modified his demands. But they won't state definitely whether he had abandoned his two alternative plans under which he would accept a truce. These were a mutual security pact plus withdrawal of U.N. and Chinese troops from Korea, and the mutual security pact combined with a three-month time limit for the political conference that is to follow the armistice.

Rhee's demand for a "peace without vengeance" is the main issue.

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## Israel Must Curtail Building, Eshkol Says

**TEL AVIV**, Saturday (UPI). — Mr. Levy Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, said Israel must curb construction in the future, particularly if building materials have to be imported. Cement walls "cannot be milked" he remarked in elaborating on the fact that Israel was producing only half of its needs.

Mr. Eshkol was addressing a meeting of metal workers at Bet Ariot Works today. The Metal Workers Union called on the police to elect a Council tomorrow.

What will happen when dollars from world Jewry and other sources stop coming, and Israel can earn only \$300, or 20% of its needs? Mr. Eshkol asked.

On the other hand, the Minister stated, he was not pessimistic about the country's natural resources to develop; in five to seven years, the investments made recently would bear fruit.

By then, Israeli workers would know how to produce more, he added.

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**Social & Personal**

Mr. Gideon Rafael, Counsellor to the Foreign Ministry in charge of Middle East and U.N. Affairs, attended by El Al on Friday for the U.S.A.

A reception in honour of Mrs. & Mr. Jacob Rabinowitz of Boston, Mass., charter investors in Palestine Economic Corporation in USA, was held last night at the home of Dr. Haim Greenbaum, Executive Vice-President of the Corporation in Israel.

Mr. Nahum Levin has returned from an educational mission to Latin American countries for the World Zionist Organization. He was accompanied by his wife, who worked in the field of art education under the auspices of the Department of Education and Culture in Brazil.

A reception was held by the Holon Municipality last Thursday night for Freddie Cohen and Mordechai Hefetz, residents of Holon and members of the selected Israel basketball team which played in Moscow.

Mr. W. Kretzer, builder and contractor of Flushing, N.Y., who is in Israel on a short visit, this month, and his son, are leaving tomorrow for Africa.

FOR your family scrap-book — a press cutting from this paper. Announce your family events in this column of *The Jerusalem POST*.

**MARRIAGE**  
ALTMAN-ZALSHUPIN

The marriage of Yigal Altman and Halina Zalshupin was celebrated in Tel Aviv on June 25, 1953.

**MEMORIAL MEETING**  
AVRAHAM ULZIR

On the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the death of Avraham Ulzir, a memorial meeting will be held tomorrow, June 26, at 11 a.m. at his graveside at the Sanhedria Cemetery, Jerusalem. Participants will leave at 10.45 a.m. from the Keren Ha-gevud Building, Jerusalem.

The Garden of Ramat Aviv will be closed to the public this evening as from 8 p.m. due to a private party of *B'nai B'rith*. (Adot).

**Railways Official**  
Off to Germany

YDIA — PORT Saturday. Mr. A. Kritai, Acting Manager Israel Railways left for Germany via Paris yesterday by El Al. He will negotiate purchases of railway equipment within the same work of the Reparations agreement.

**CHILD DROWNS IN WELL**  
TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Aifia Darshan, 18 months old, son of David and Leah Darshan, fell into a well in the Dvirna village in Lower Galilee yesterday afternoon.

**EMERGENCY PHARMACIES**

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**ON THE AIR**

TEL AVIV: 407 M.; HAIFA: 149 M.; TEL AVIV: 413 & 513 M. FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 10.15, 4.45 a.m. Arabic: 7 a.m., 8.00 a.m., 1.15 and 6.30 p.m.; Turkish: 10.30 a.m., 6.30 a.m. Service: 6.35 Exercises, 6.45 Musical Clock (R); 7.00 Morning Meditations (R); 8.00 Chorus (R); 10.30 Housewives' Corner, 12.30 Religious (R); 14.30 Piano Recital (R); 15.30 Choral Concert (R); 16.00 Recital, Emanuil Monks, 15.00 Tea Time Music (R); 5.45 Children's Hour, 7.00 "Kol Israel" Orchestra, Grossman, 8.00 Chorus (R); Soloist, Arab Ensemble, Piano Concerto No. 20 (Mozart), 7.30 Talk, 7.40 Music (R), 7.45 "What's New in Science," 8.00 "World of Work," 8.45 Second Chorus (R); 9.00 Choral Recital, Haimi, 10.00 Soloist, 10.30 Chorus (R); 11.00 Children's Hour, 11.30 Chorus (R); 12.00 Housewives' Corner, 12.30 Religious (R); 14.30 Piano Recital (R); 15.30 Choral Concert (R); 16.00 Recital, Emanuil Monks, 15.00 Tea Time Music (R); 5.45 Children's Hour, 7.00 "Kol Israel" Orchestra, Grossman, 8.00 Chorus (R); Soloist, Arab Ensemble, Piano Concerto No. 20 (Mozart), 7.30 Talk, 7.40 Music (R), 7.45 "What's New in Science," 8.00 "World of Work," 8.45 Second Chorus (R); 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**THE French crisis, which began on May 21 with the fall of the Mayer Government, happily is over. It is difficult to END OF FRENCH feel great confidence in M. Lan-**

**nel's capacity to preserve his Pre-**

**miership much beyond the**

**emergency. He may, of course,**

**reveal qualities of political**

**courage and adroitness as yet**

**unsuspected; for he is a new**

**comer to the serried ranks of**

**those who have guided the**

**destinies of the Fourth Re-**

**public. It is probable how-**

**ever, that in endorsing M. Lan-**

**nel's programme the Assem-**

**bly looked no further than**

**Bermuda. Prestige and na-**

**tional interest make it essential**

**that France shall be repre-**

**sented at the Conference by**

**someone possessing the full**

**authority of the Assembly,**

**especially as, in the words of**

**the statement issued after the**

**meeting of ex-Premiers and**

**Parliamentary leaders on**

**June 19, "the question of**

**Indo-China was due to come up"**

**at Bermuda. On this sore**

**problem M. Lanuel is now**

**likely to have the experienced**

**assistance of M. Bidault, who**

**was Foreign Minister in the**

**Mayer Government and is**

**expected to hold the same**

**portfolio in the new Govern-**

**ment.**

**France has passed through a**

**"moment of truth" in which**

**fundamental weaknesses have**

**been laid bare. This has been**

**evident not only in the spec-**

**tales of political waywardness**

**presented by the successive**

**failures of Messieurs Mayer,**

**Reynaud, Mendes-France, Bi-**

**dault, Marie and Pinay to**

**secure the endorsement of the**

**Assembly, but also in the at-**

**titude of the French people.**

**President Auriol revealed that**

**the impatience of the Electorate**

**had been reflected in his**

**"postbag," which, he said,**

**had shown in the people's**

**view the time had come "to**

**unite, to awaken the national**

**conscience, and to break up**

**the coalition of selfishness**

**and self-interest in the coun-**

**try for its own salvation."**

**A synopsis of the confidential**

**reports submitted to Paris by**

**the Prefects of Departments,**

**and published in the weekly**

**"L'Express," went so far as**

**to indicate that French men**

**and women were growing**

**more than impatient with**

**Parliamentary and party au-**

**thorities and were in the mood to**

**look for the emergence of a**

**"strong man." These are na-**

**tural, but dangerous, tenen-**

**cies.**

**The crisis has, indeed,**

**broken the deadlock in ideas**

**that for so long has stultified**

**the National Assembly; and**

**may have broken the public**

**deadlock caused by a kind of**

**despairing apathy. Mr. Lanuel**

**must be unaware of this and**

## Malaise in Republican Cairo

By M. J. GORDON  
CAIRO.

**B**ETWEEN one thing and another there is in our new republican Egypt a certain air of desolation: a month ago, foreign correspondents were reportedly flocking into the Canal Zone; now they have practically all gone away.

The Ramada Bazaar has been followed by a spell of ugly weather with the Cairo shade maximum at 110 degrees Fahrenheit and over. Politically-minded Egyptian editors gone on leave, and the whisper is going round that now nothing is likely to happen until October.

By October, the summer will be over and the holiday makers will have returned. And everyone will have had time to discover and digest what happened. Mr. Dulles will presumably announce whether or not Vice-President Nasser of Sudan and Pakistan may have been able to give.

### Armed Clash

On the face of it, the essential difference (on Suez) remains. The Egyptians by the new principle they are placing on the word "sovereignty" are holding to their point that the technicians, who are to keep the base going after the soldiers withdraw, must be placed under Egyptian command. There is no sign that Sir Winston Churchill is at all likely to accept this.

A great many British women and children have already left, in some cases having been evacuated by the firms employing their husbands. Practically every departing liner carries retired people who ordinarily would have expected to spend their retirement in Egypt's pleasant climate.

The fire-eating speeches and interviews by Egyptian leaders have continued. Only the other day Colonel Nasser declared that the Government (which of Interior, controlling all the police forces, was distributing arms throughout the country. In a moment of boastfulness he said that an army of 22 million would be maintained, representing the entire population men, women, and children, with the object of driving the British out of the Canal Zone. But with one or two similar exceptions, speeches recently have been less frequent and rather less pugnacious than was the case before.

On the other hand, it is only to be expected that when the anniversary of the revolution comes round (July 23) the emotional temperature will again rise. Great efforts are being made to convince the Egyptian public that the Arab States are solidly behind Egypt in their struggle with the British.

### Undue Pressure

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### MUSICAL DIARY

YOUNG Vera Lengyel as the soloist in Cesar Franck's Symphonic Variations for piano and orchestra proved to be the highlight of Kol Yisrael's Tuesday night concert, conducted by Karel Salomon. She knew how to ask the right questions of that other fascinating French chef d'œuvre. Her approach was sensitive and subtle in touch, florid in the wonderful middle section and full of temperament at the triumphant finale. In Gretry's "Lucille" overture, the brass-section left much to be desired.

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### Italian Night

A SHIER (Felice) Feldman was presented by the Dans Alighieri Society at the Touring Club on Thursday night in an all-Italian programme. For one who has taken an interest in this promising young violinist from Berlin, his first public recital after he had arrived in Florence was highly enjoyable. With flawless intonation and great bravura he took the opening bars of Vivaldi's Sonata in A Major. His tone has substance and his conception revealed deep musical insight and feeling. His excellent technique and fine bowing became evident in Corelli's "Lucille" overture, the brass-section left much to be desired.

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### FRANCO

The evening ended with a refreshing rhapsody by the 81-year-old Swedish composer Hugo Alfvén, "Midsummer Night's Watch," a collection of Swedish folk-songs. The lively instrumentation of the work, and the cool and wintry brightness of the melodies brought some much needed relief to the audience.

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### Read in Collier's:

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### CREDIT TO "COLUMBIA"

To the Editor of The POST

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Yours etc.,

MATALON BROTHERS

Tel Aviv, June 15.

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